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This conversation took place outside of the kitchen window of the Sipel home, and Mrs. Sipel was in the kitchen and overheard part of what had transpired. Mrs. Gibson then left and that afternoon Sipel went out to the Gibson farm and looked over the pigs, as he had agreed to do. Mrs. Gibson at this time broached the subject again and Sipel refused, and she continued to urge upon him that he could go ahead and tell the story. There was a State Trooper on the farm at the time, and he was close at hand, and Sipel mentioned the fact to Mrs. Gibson, that he did not want to have anything to do with it, and he did not want the State Trooper to overhear any such conversation. Mrs. Gibson's answer was that the State Trooper was all right, and that he was working with her, and that there was nothing to fear from him. During the following week, Sipel did not see Mrs. Gibson, but he learned that she has been down to the Berry farm on several occasions looking for him, and he also heard that in one of the occasions she was talking to Mrs. Berry and suggested to Mrs. Berry that she get dolled up and get into this case, as there was lots of money to be made. Sipel claimed that Mrs. Berry repeated this story to John Klein, a farmer, whose address is Route 1, Box 31, Bound Brook, N.J. On the following Saturday night, that is, the Saturday night before the Grand Jury met at Somerville, Mrs. Gibson visited his home just at dusk and said in substance, "I thought that I would come to see you again and see if you had changed your mind." Sipel informed her that he has not, and that she would have to get someone else, that he would not have anything to do with the matter. She said to him "Good God, I don't understand you at all", and went on to tell him that it was an easy matter, etc., and then proceeded to spend one hour outlining to him the lay of the land on De Russey's Lane and running over the entire matter, as to what there was to the case. As Sipel says, she described the land and the conditions therein down to the most minute details, that you would have thought she was a Civil Engineer. During this interview, Sipel claims that his three sons, and his farm hand, Julius Sennenberg, who is at present employed by John Klein the farmer mentioned above, in connection with Mr. Berry's statement, were present and overheard some of what went on. Sipel persisted in his refusal to have anything to do with the matter and went on into the house; when in the house his wife learned that this woman was again endeavoring to have him mixed in the case, and she became very much excited and said she intended to report the matter to the authorities. Sipel and his wife then after finishing their dinner drove into New Brunswick, and when they arrived there they purchased an evening paper, in which appeared a headline in substance, that the State's missing link had been found. Mrs. Sipel became excited and said to her husband right away that undoubtedly Mrs. Gibson was trying to get him into the case, and that the missing link referred to was Sipel. She tried to prevail upon him to report the matter, but he was reluctant about mixing into the affair. On Sunday he claims that some of his wife's relatives were there, and they endeavored to prevail upon him to report the matter, and to tell exactly what Mrs. Gibson was trying to do. However, he persisted in his refusal, and on Monday, his wife had occasion to go to New Brunswick to transact some banking matters, and unknown to her husband she inserted an article in the Home News to the effect that if Jennie Gibson said that he, Sipel, knew anything about the murders, that it was falsehood. That evening on his way home he